

LOVE CULT MAY BE CLUE SOUGHT IN MOORE CRIME

Wierd Tales of Drug Parties
Told in Taylor Case.

Stain Director Hunted "Local
Color" for Screen Plays.

BELIEVE WOMAN IN CASE

Burglary Theory Is Ruled Out
by Detectives.

Now Believe Mysterious Killer
Wanted Revenge.

Los Angeles, Feb. 3.—Giving greatest consideration to a theory that he was slain in a love vengeance plot, presumably by a man, at the instigation of a woman who was jealous over the attention he had showered on a widely known screen actress, the police department today bent its every energy toward solving the mysterious murder of William D. Taylor, famous motion picture director.

Among the various phases of the investigation was a report that Taylor had attended several so-called "know" parties at which narcotics were served from tea wagons for the purpose of obtaining local color for some of his pictures. The slaying, one detective pointed out, may have been an aftermath of such a party.

Love cult is whispered. Weirdest narratives of a mystic love cult entered into the investigation when reports to the police linked Taylor's name with the strange life of a cult leader. The weird love, which was said to have existed as a part of the cult, may have inspired one of the women mentioned to have caused Taylor's death, according to another detective, who spent a considerable time in delving into the mysticism and entanglements of the cult.

The police, it is said, have practically eliminated the theory that Taylor may have been slain in a burglary. It is understood most of the detectives and their working on the case, which is one of the most baffling that has come to the attention of the local police, is to determine if the slaying was a result of a love cult. The theory of jealousy is based on the supposition that Taylor had been the victim of a discarded lover of some woman to whom he had shown considerable attention, professionally or otherwise.

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Visited by Actress. At 8:45 o'clock Wednesday night, Taylor ate dinner alone. At 7:05 Mabel Normand, a film actress familiar to "movie" audiences for thirteen years, appeared at his apartment. Her chauffeur waited outside. Miss Normand told the police she called to get a book. At 7:40 she saw Taylor, who was sitting at his desk. He had just returned from his work, and she had just returned from her work. They talked for a few minutes and then went back into his home.

A few minutes before 8 o'clock, Mrs. Douglas MacLean, wife of a film star living in an apartment across the boulevard, heard a pistol shot. She saw a man leaving the Taylor home. He wore a cap and a muffler. He hesitated about leaving the apartment and started to walk in again. Then finally he closed the door and disappeared through an alley. Instead of going to his apartment, he went to the police station. The police are of the opinion that it was this man who probably fired the shot that killed the director.

Fatal Bullet Found. It was a .38-caliber steel-core bullet that caused the director's death. The bullet was found in the neck of Taylor. It had penetrated the back beneath the left shoulder blade and after piercing the heart, taken an upward course into the neck, where it had lodged. It was first believed Taylor had died from a hemorrhage.

The police are of the belief that whoever attacked Taylor, did it after he returned to the apartment on leaving Miss Normand. The director is thought to have sat down at a desk to work and was possibly bending over when the assassin fired.

In connection with the burglary theory, it is suggested that he heard a noise and turned about to see an intruder at his door. He picked up a revolver when shot down.

Had Been Robbed Victim. Taylor was the victim of robberies and forgeries during 1921 that (Continued on Page Eight)

THE WEATHER

FORECAST FOR KANSAS.
Fair tonight and Saturday. Not much change in temperature.

MORE NEAR SPRING WEATHER

High Temperatures and Sunshine
Promised by Meteorologist Flora.

TODAY'S TEMPERATURES.
7 o'clock.....22 11 o'clock.....29
8 o'clock.....23 12 o'clock.....30
9 o'clock.....24 1 o'clock.....31
10 o'clock.....25 2 o'clock.....32

Shippers' Forecast.
Protect all thirty-six hour shipments north and west against a temperature of 15 degrees. East and north 25.

The temperature averaged 3 degrees above normal in Topeka during the last twenty-four hours.

There will be a continuation of the spring-like weather, says Meteorologist Flora. A little sunshine may be lacking at times, the temperature will be high for this season, says the weather man.

The temperatures average from 16 to 24 degrees above zero in Montana and North Dakota this morning and no cold waves are in sight. The sky was clear over Kansas and from Chicago west to San Francisco today. There is no chance of any moisture falling within the next twenty-four hours.

The highest temperature in Topeka during the last twenty-four hours was 28 degrees at 2:45 o'clock Monday (Continued on Page Two)

TANKS ON JOB

Kentucky Labor War on in
Rolling Mills.

Snipers Answered With Riot
and Machine Guns.

Frankfort, Ky., Feb. 3.—With the Covington tank company in control, upward of 300 Kentucky national guardsmen today are in or en route to Newport, Ky., having been ordered out late of the city by Governor Morrow for strike duty.

Shortly before 2 o'clock this morning a flurry was caused when sniping from the city of Newport, Ky., was followed by firing from machine and riot guns inside the plant. The guns were turned toward the Covington tank company. More than 100 shots were fired, but no casualties were reported.

Earlier, safety commissioner W. C. Thompson, who hurried out of the strike zone in a patrol wagon, after he had been threatened by an assembly of strikers, said before Sheriff Lewis B. Tienan was grazed by a bullet fired by a sniper.

MUST CUT FARES

Clyde Reed Tells I. C. C. Pas-
senger Rates Too High.

Lower Fares Would Stimulate
More Traveling, He Says.

Washington, Feb. 3.—Passenger fares charged by the railroads at present are economically too high to be sustained, Clyde M. Reed, chairman of the Kansas utilities commission, testified today in the interstate commerce commission investigation of transportation charges.

Answering questions by the commission, Mr. Reed said that the railroads should fix their general passenger rates at 3 cents per mile instead of 2.5 cents, abolishing the Pullman fare surcharge but leaving Pullman transportation at 2.5 cents per mile.

"Passenger travel on a per cent basis had decreased 20 per cent under the new rates and the increases given in 1920," he said. "Forces of traveling businessmen have been reduced, automobile competition has been enhanced, and tourist travel restricted in every way."

Railroads, however, were unable to reduce their expenses proportionately, and they were obliged to maintain train service on the same basis as before and he argued that the only way out of the situation was to stimulate passenger travel by decreasing rates.

WOULD HEAL OLD SORES

Closer Relationship Between Guards
and Regulars Urged by Wainwright.

Leavenworth, Feb. 3.—Closer relationship between the regular army and the National Guard is desired because of the reduction of the regular forces, Mayhew Wainwright, assistant secretary of war told officers of the general service schools at Fort Leavenworth this morning.

A dance in honor of the two officials is planned for tonight and tomorrow. The officers of the National Guard will be guests of the Reserve Officers Club of Kansas City.

BELFAST RAILWAYS TANGLED

Workers and Ulster Government Un-
able to Reach an Agreement.

(By the Associated Press.)
Belfast, Feb. 3.—The Irish railway management and employees have failed to reach an agreement, and the Ulster minister of labor, J. M. Andrews, has been summoned to return to Dublin to renew the efforts for a settlement with Joseph McGrath, minister of labor in the Dail cabinet. If the negotiations collapse, a general strike throughout Ireland will go into effect January 15.

FIRST VOTES FAIL

No Successor to Benedict XV on
First Four Ballots.

Cardinals Are to Vote Four
Times Daily.

AMERICAN CARDINAL LATE

Steamer Captain Delays His
Arrival at Rome.

Smoke Signal Only News From
the Conclave.

(By the Associated Press.)
Rome, Feb. 3.—The third and fourth ballots were taken by the conclave of the sacred college this evening in an effort to choose a successor to Pope Benedict. There was no choice, however, on either ballot.

Rome, Feb. 3.—A thin column of black smoke issuing from the Sistine chapel chimney this morning proclaimed that the conclave of the Roman Catholic cardinals had taken their first ballot in the election of a new pope without making a selection. Another ballot taken at 1 o'clock this afternoon was similarly ineffective.

(By the Associated Press.)
Rome, Feb. 3.—Fifty-three members of the sacred college assembled in the historic Sistine chapel today to cast their first ballots in the election of the new pope. The doors of the Vatican were closed yesterday with the conclave ceremony to be closed until the new pontiff is chosen.

Cardinal Marini, who has influenza, was taken into the Vatican before the doors were closed. He had been thought he would be unable to attend.

Four Votes Daily.
Four ballots will be taken daily instead of two as has been the rule, it is learned from the Vatican. The number and issue of the successive ballots will be evident to the people congregated outside St. Peter's by the customary smoke burning.

Two sacks of straw lie near by; this is used to color the smoke of the burning papers, dark smoke indicating that there is still no election and light vapor that a new pope reigns.

The first vote, it is thought, was merely in the nature of a test of the drift of sentiment. Progress after that, however, is expected to be fairly rapid, Cardinal Gasparri and others having indicated their belief that the conclave is not in a hurry.

There is much interest in Rome in the effort of Cardinal O'Connell, archbishop of Boston, to reach here in time to participate in the voting. The steamship President Wilson, on which he is a passenger, is not expected in Naples before Saturday. (The New York office of the Associated Press says that it is feared that he may be disappointed as he was in 1914, when Pope Benedict was elected while the cardinal was in Rome.)

The President Wilson bringing Cardinal O'Connell of Boston to Rome for the conclave, which began Monday morning. The steamship company announced today it had received a wireless message that the captain had decided to call at Algiers.

SECOND JURY HUNG

Forty-Four Hours Deliberation
Fail to Bring Verdict.

Judge to Decide Monday If
Arbuckle To Be Retried.

San Francisco, Feb. 3.—The jury that heard the evidence in the second manslaughter trial of Roscoe "Fatty" Arbuckle shortly before noon today reported no agreement. The jurors, at 11:24 o'clock the first word of the day came from the jury room when they asked for a recess.

This was forty-four hours after they had retired. They had deliberated fifteen hours.

It is understood that the jury stood 10 to 2 for acquittal.

As quickly as Judge Louderback and attorneys for defense and state could be summoned, the jurors were brought in. Foreman J. D. McElroy reported the inability of the jurors to agree.

Judge Louderback polled the jury after Foreman McElroy had reported their inability to reach agreement and they were then discharged. He set Monday as the time for determining whether there will be a third trial.

The exhaustive examination being given the evidence by the jurors was the basis of the hope on the part of Arbuckle and his attorneys that a verdict will be reached. The jurors have had in the jury room since late yesterday, the entire transcript of the testimony of the case.

SILK MARKET ON UPGRADE

Demand for Lower Grades for Export
Helps Up Industry.

(By the Associated Press.)
Yokohama, Feb. 3.—The silk market is showing improvement as the result of renewed demand for the lower grades for export.

Another factor in the recovery is the fact that the Japanese government has announced that it will purchase the flature mills in Nagano prefecture, an important silk center, that they have deferred their spring operations until March 1. This while withholding their stocks and asking the Imperial Silk company, a government-owned monopoly organization, not to sell its holdings.

This Blushing Bride Aged 64.
Paris, Feb. 3.—T. S. Whitlock, 73, Paris, and his bride of 64 years, who was Miss Stacy B. Campbell of Sweetwater, Tenn., are on their honeymoon following their marriage here Thursday.

THE FARMER HAS NO INTENTION OF ORGANIZING A THIRD PARTY, BUT HE DOES INTEND TO MAKE HIS VOTE FELT



STUBBS IN RACE

Former Governor of Kansas
Announces His Candidacy.

Has Had Twenty-Five Years
Successful Experience In State.

Lawrence, Kan., Feb. 3.—W. R. Stubbs, twice governor of Kansas today announced his candidacy for the governorship in the August Republican primaries.

Stubbs' announcement was made in the following statement: "To the women and men of Kansas: 'Subject to the primary election in August, I am a candidate for the Republican nomination for governor. In addition to other duties the business problem with which the governor of Kansas has to deal involve the expenditures every year of several millions of dollars for provisions, supplies, salaries, building roads, equipment and other expenses. I feel that twenty-five years of successful experience in the management of public affairs that might be a valuable asset in the present reconstruction period. A platform stating in plain English my views on public questions will follow.' (Signed) W. R. STUBBS."

Stubbs came to Topeka Monday night for the Kansas Day club banquet and indicated he would make his announcement in a few days. The statement from his home in Lawrence today put him positively in the race.

His candidacy was urged by a number of stockmen and former associates in business and politics. It is likely that in his fight he will surround himself with a number of the men who were active in building and maintaining the old Stubbs machine which was a power in state politics preceding Stubbs' defeat for the United States senatorship in 1912.

HIMELBURGER HELD FOR TRIAL

Topeka Must Face Arson Charge In
Osage County District Court.

Following a preliminary hearing before a justice of the peace at Lyndon, O. N. Himelburger of Topeka, was held for trial in the Osage county district court on a charge of arson. Himelburger was charged with causing the burning of a barn at Overbrook.

Evidence produced by the state showed that Himelburger hired two Topeka men—Clyde Bell, a mechanic, and James Kennedy, a negro, to burn the barn. Himelburger carried \$1,400 insurance on the building. Livestock and other property lost during the fire did not belong to Himelburger. The Topeka man was held largely on statements made by Bell and Kennedy. He gave bond in the amount of \$1,000 for appearance at the trial.

START CLIMB OF RANIER

Autos Buck Snow Carrying Adventu-
rers to Base of Peak.

Tacoma, Feb. 3.—The initial leg of the first attempted winter ascent of Mount Rainier has been accomplished by Jean Jacques Landry and Jacques Bergues.

Automobiles carrying the party to the peak's base bucked, plumed and plowed through the snow, but reached Longmire. The climbers are equipped with skis, snowshoes and ice ladders but are dressed lightly.

MAC NIDER REFUSES TOGA

Legion Commander Will Not Take
Senator Kenyon's Place.

Washington, Feb. 3.—The refusal of Harford MacNider, commander of the American Legion, to be considered a possible successor to William S. Kenyon of Iowa, has left the Iowa senatorial situation in utter doubt, according to political leaders here today.

MacNider is reported to have been offered Kenyon's seat, but turned it down by saying he would rather command the American Legion than sit in the United States senate.

Reports at the capital today linked the name of Representative Sweet of the Third and Dickinson of the Tenth Iowa districts with the appointment of a successor to Kenyon. Most members from the middle west placed little credence in reports that J. R. Howard, president of the American Farm Bureau Federation, would be selected.

JAPS ASK PARLEY

May Invite U. S. to Consider
Immigration Question.

Other World Powers Would
Also Be Called In.

NEARLY SPLIT PARIS PARLEY

Racial Discrimination Chief
Issue With Japanese.

Bring California and Hawaii to
the Forefront.

Washington, Feb. 3.—Japan today invite America to attend a world conference to discuss problems of immigration and racial discrimination.

While denying that the Japanese government had laid any definite plans for calling of such a conference, a high Japanese delegation official today intimated strongly that his government contemplates such a move.

The conference would not be called until several years of the ten year naval holiday had passed, by which time the Japanese feel a state of complete accord would exist between the people of the United States and Japan.

Nearly Split Paris Conference.
Racial discriminations was a subject upon which the Paris conference nearly split. It was a subject carefully avoided by the Washington conference. Fearing that it might break up the Washington conference before she had succeeded in winning what she sought, even China refrained from projecting the subject on the conference screen.

Yet it is admittedly one of the issues closest to the Japanese heart and the abolition of it through the earth is by their own spokesmen's own word, "the goal of Japanese ambition." K. Yokota, Japanese member of parliament who recently visited Washington, clearly outlined Japanese ambitions along this line and urged the calling of such a conference.

Racial Problem Foremost.
Hope was expressed today in Japanese official quarters that the immigration and racial discrimination question as directly affecting the United States in its relations with Japan, might be settled amicably between the American ambassador and Japanese officials at the conference.

Such a conference, the official admitted, would mean a new era in the Japanese immigration questions. "That is," he hastily added, "the Japanese government is not settled between ambassadors, but we will be settled beforehand."

Berlin, Feb. 3.—The German trade unions today served an ultimatum upon the government threatening a general strike of all workers unless President Ebert withdraws his proclamation imposing penalties upon the striking railway workers. The threatened general strike is to become effective tonight.

Berlin, Feb. 3.—The general railroad strike threatened today to spread to other branches of unionized industries. It is reported that the railroads in the Ruhr district are taking a secret strike vote. If this threatened walkout materializes, it may force France's hand, as France has been threatening military occupation of the Ruhr district ever since the armistice.

Latest advice from the industrial regions indicate that the strike may assume proportions that are bound to influence the European political situation.

The German people are anxiously watching the spectacle of the government trying to crush with an iron hand the railway strike and perhaps thus forcing the same kind of general strike on which this same government was founded on armistice day and reborn after the von Kapp coup.

The whole empire is threatened with a tieup for the strike fever is seeping every line of trade labor.

Already Berlin's food supply is seriously threatened. Not a single head of cattle reached the city today.

FORM NEW ITALIAN CABINET

Former Premier Giolitti May Be Or-
lando's Successor Now.

(By the Associated Press.)
London, Feb. 3.—The president of the Italian senate and chamber of deputies have advised King Victor Emmanuel to ask former Premier Giolitti to form a cabinet in succession to the Bonomi ministry. It is understood, says a Central News dispatch from Rome today.

POLICEMAN KILLS BROTHER

Fired Into Crowd Trying to Free
Prisoner Held Arrested.

Decorah, Ia., Feb. 2.—Alfred Dotseth, 30, was shot and fatally wounded late last night by his brother, Matt Dotseth, a police officer at that time, in a fight over a woman.

Strike sanction was asked by the printers several days ago upon a breakdown in negotiations with the publishers looking to a new working contract.

The strikers' places are being filled and the publishers are continuing to publish in defiance of the union's demand for a new working contract.

Jersey City, Feb. 3.—Fire destroyed the Lehigh Valley railroad supply and repair shops here early today. The loss was estimated at \$200,000. Railroad detectives were of the opinion that the fire was of incendiary origin.

LAST SESSION

ARMS PARLEY
FOR SATURDAY

President Harding Plans Wit-
nessing Signing Pacts Monday.

To Be Formally Presented and
Accepted Tomorrow.

"BIG NINE" MEETS LAST TIME

Address by President Expected
to Close Conference.

All Delegations Prepare to
Leave for Homes.

(By the Associated Press.)
Washington, Feb. 3.—A plenary session of the arms conference has been called for 10:30 a. m. tomorrow.

The meeting tomorrow, in all likelihood, will see the official ending of the conference, although the call for the open session did not so state. With the completion of the Far Eastern treaties, however, the work of the conference is concluded and a formal side adjournment is generally expected to come at the close of tomorrow's open session.

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All the foreign delegations today were making plans for an early departure from Washington.

"Big Nine" in Last Session.
(By the Associated Press.)
Washington, Feb. 3.—The "big nine" of the arms conference, meeting today for the last time, whipped into shape the treaties relating to China and issued a formal call for a plenary session tomorrow to mark the final wind-up of the Washington negotiations.

It was decided to base only two treaties on the Chinese decisions of the conference and to embody in them only a few of the fifteen resolutions adopted in regard to Chinese questions.

One of the treaties will cover the Chinese tariff revision and the other the armistice with Japan. The remaining resolutions are to be presented at the final plenary session merely as a series of joint recommendations. The plenary session heads also discussed whether the formal signing of the naval and air armistices Monday shall be in public or private.

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